

Illawarra Woodworkers Group

April 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Hello Fellow Woodies

It is April already and so time for your 2nd newsletter for 2024. Enjoy it and send me anything you would like in the next one (July).

Member news:

Our April meeting (13th) will be the AGM and our President Mark is ready to step down. Please consider stepping up into this role or any other way to help the Club.

The Thursday school student session (2 – 3.15pm) also is **in dire need of more helpers**. We have the use of our big shed RENT-FREE in exchange for this 1 ¼ hour of teaching 6 eager school kids some basic woodwork. They are full of enthusiasm and very very keen. The session is coveted by the kids and they need to prove good behaviour in order to be allowed to join. If you can help, please talk to David, Rick or Bill.

Inside the shed

Recently Rick and David did a great job getting this huge burl ready for use and display. (Photos on the next page) This was literally a BIG job! Needless to say that the owner was very pleased with the work done.



Show & Tell: some items made by our members:

3 Veneered boxes, by Bill



A beautifully pyrographed box by Yvonne (green flock inside)

Jonathan made these shelves.



Rick showing the roots of his neighbours' tree which became beautiful sculptures.

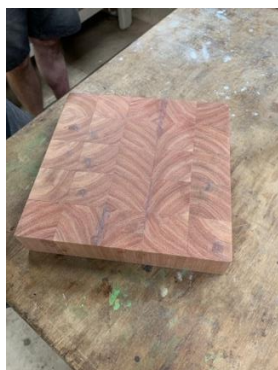


Warren made a resin board and this beautiful sideboard, which is for sale at \$500.

(Dimensions: 1475mW x 390D and 750H)



Pat bought this mortise gauge at a tool sale, as well as 2 planes, 4 x screw drivers, Japanese hammers plus a 17th Century turn screw, which is an early screw driver.



Aron displaying his beautiful coffee table and chopping board.

(My apologies for not having all photos from the last few months).

Stalls and Events

- **Our last event was the Illawarra Quilt & Craft Expo** during Seniors Week on **Fri 15th & Sat 16th March**. This was quite a successful event for us, as we had some queries for jobs to be done (frames, a new handle for a quilter's cheese slicer and re-sanding of a beautiful old chopping board), sold a few items and raised \$111.00. Next time it would be good if we had some 'audience oriented' items to sell like wool holders (for knitters and crocheters), cotton reel and pin cushion stands, clappers (= wooden handheld press for quilters' seams) and chopping boards, to name a few. We will most likely be asked again for next year's Senior Week Quilt & Craft Show, so start now!



Yvonne and David at the Quilt & Craft Show on Friday.

Workshop Safety – a monthly message from the Workshop Coordinator (we cannot be reminded of this often enough!)

- **IMPORTANT:** Work shop safety must always be at the top of our list of priorities. Wear suitable clothes and enclosed shoes.
- Always ensure the dust **collector gates** are open when you use the equipment in the shed. ASK someone, if you are not sure what to do.
- Get help with the correct procedure for the **sawdust bag**.
- Clean up a machine and the floor after use, if significant mess. DO NOT ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE will use it after you. Do it as you go.
- Put the hose in to the **vacuum cleaner** the right way! If it is not sucking up the mess, empty it!
- The drum sander **cannot** have painted or varnished timber going through it as it will clog up the sandpaper.
- The table saw is NOT a storage space
 - NOT a work bench
 - Put NOTHING on the extension
- *Use eye, ear, head and feet protection too, no loose clothes, and, keep an eye on people around you.*
- *Sometimes it's just the simple things we all forget, like if you have medium/long hair, tie it up if working close to moving machinery.*
- **NEVER be complacent – blades bite!**
(the last 3 dot points were copied from "Ingrained" the Knox newsletter)

LIBRARY

Our club library is available to all members with copies of Australian Wood Worker, Fine Woodworking, etc. available to get some ideas on your next project. Just remember to sign out and back in anything that you need.

Other Woodworking groups

From the Knox & District Woodworkers Club Inc: <https://www.knoxwoodies.org.au/current>

Time for some fun:



"Remember, measure twice, cut once,
stand baffled, string together obscenities."



"I know just how you feel – my husband went
through the same phase."
Frank O'Neal July 31, 1954



"Vincent made all the furniture himself. We call this the 'Bizarre Room.'" Peter Wyma May 7, 1955

This is your lot for this newsletter. Please send in anything you think may be useful/fun for our members.

Cheers

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(Editor)